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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **SOLID-STATE IMAGE PICKUP DEVICE FOR AUTO-FOCUS AND AUTO-FOCUS CAMERA USING THE SAME**

the specification of which ☐ is attached hereto; or ☒ was filed on April 7, 2005 as United States Application No. or PCT International Application No. PCT/JP2005/007188 and was amended on August 17, 2005 (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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Japan	2004-115629 (Pat.)	9/April/2004	Yes

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Dear Sir

The Applicant, who received the International Search Report relating to the above identified International Application transmitted on June 21, 2005, hereby files amendment under Article 19(1) as in the attached sheets.

The Applicant hereby amends claims 1, 8, and 9, and cancelled claims 5 and 6, and retains claims 2 to 4, 7, and 10 to 13 unchanged.

The Applicant also files as attached herewith a brief statement explaining the Amendment and indicating any impact that amend therein might have on the description.

Very truly yours,

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Attachment:

(1) Amendment under Article 19(1)

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